

# 2013 Clean Water Indiana Grant



LEAD DISTRICT: JEFFERSON  
 COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: CLARK, JACKSON, JENNINGS, SCOTT  
 TARGET WATERSHEDS: MUSCATATUCK, SILVER-LITTLE KENTUCKY, UPPER EAST FORK WHITE, LOWER EAST FORK WHITE  
 PROJECT NAME: BETTER SOIL. CLEANER WATER. MORE PROFIT  
 PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2013-12/31/2015  
 PROJECT AMOUNT: \$70,000



## Purpose: Reduce sediment and nutrient from non-point sources



This five-county project proposes to reduce sediment and nutrients from non-point sources in an effort to improve water quality by encouraging producers to utilize soil testing, no-till, cover crops and buffer practices. We believe that the combination of these best management practices can have a significant impact on farming practices both in the present and future years.

Participants will be required to complete a soil test, professional consultation on the soil test recommendations, utilize no-till planting methods, seed cover crops and as needed, install buffer practices. This incentive program will give preference to those producers that are not qualified for Federal programs due to cropping history or other prerequisites that might deem the land ineligible. This project will also seek to reach out to minority or unfunded groups. The project addresses the SSCB's Business Plan state priorities to include soil quality degradation, water quality impairments as well as other soil and water related natural resource concerns.

**PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:**  
 KOVA FERTILIZER, JACKSON-JENNINGS CO-OP, CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES, J&C FEED, AND CISCO SEED

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2013, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded ten Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$612,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,500 per year).

This project encourages landowners to utilize multiple best management practices on their land.

Cost Share  
 \$70,000



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